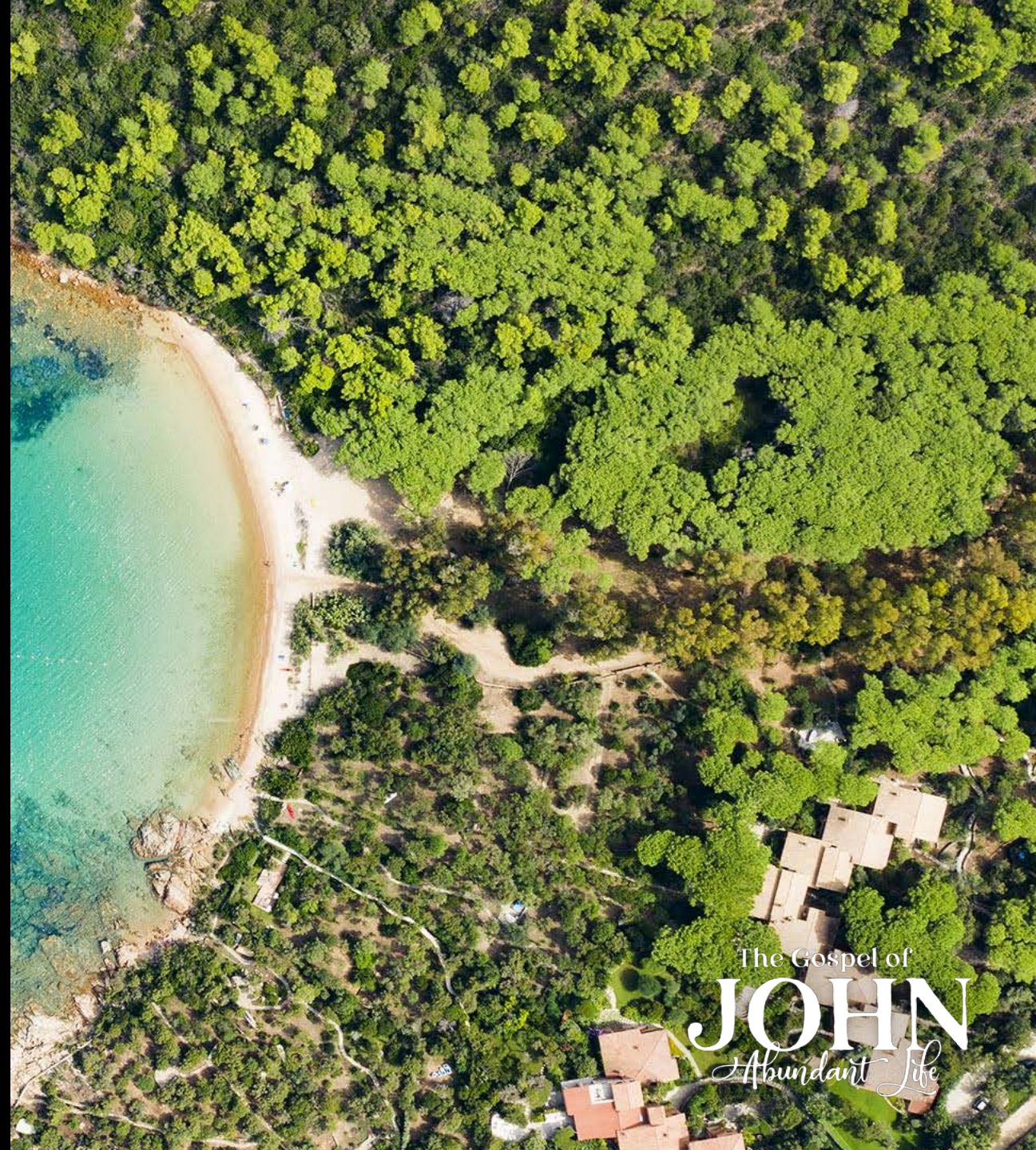


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the beginning

1. the beginning

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The book of the
genealogy of Jesus
Christ, the son of David,
the son of Abraham. (Mt
1:1)

The beginning of the
gospel of Jesus Christ,
the Son of God. As it is
written in Isaiah the
prophet, "Behold, I
send my messenger
before your face ... (Mk
1:1-2)

In the days of Herod,
king of Judea, there was
a priest named
Zechariah, of the
division of Abijah. And
he had a wife from the
daughters of Aaron, and
her name was Elizabeth.
(Lk 1:5)

In the beginning was
the Word, and the Word
was with God, and the
Word was God. He was
in the beginning with
God. All things were
made through him, and
without him was not
any thing made that
was made. In him was
life, and the life was the
light of men. The light
shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has
not overcome it. (Jn
1:1-5)

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the cosmological argument

everything which begins to exist has a cause

the universe began to exist

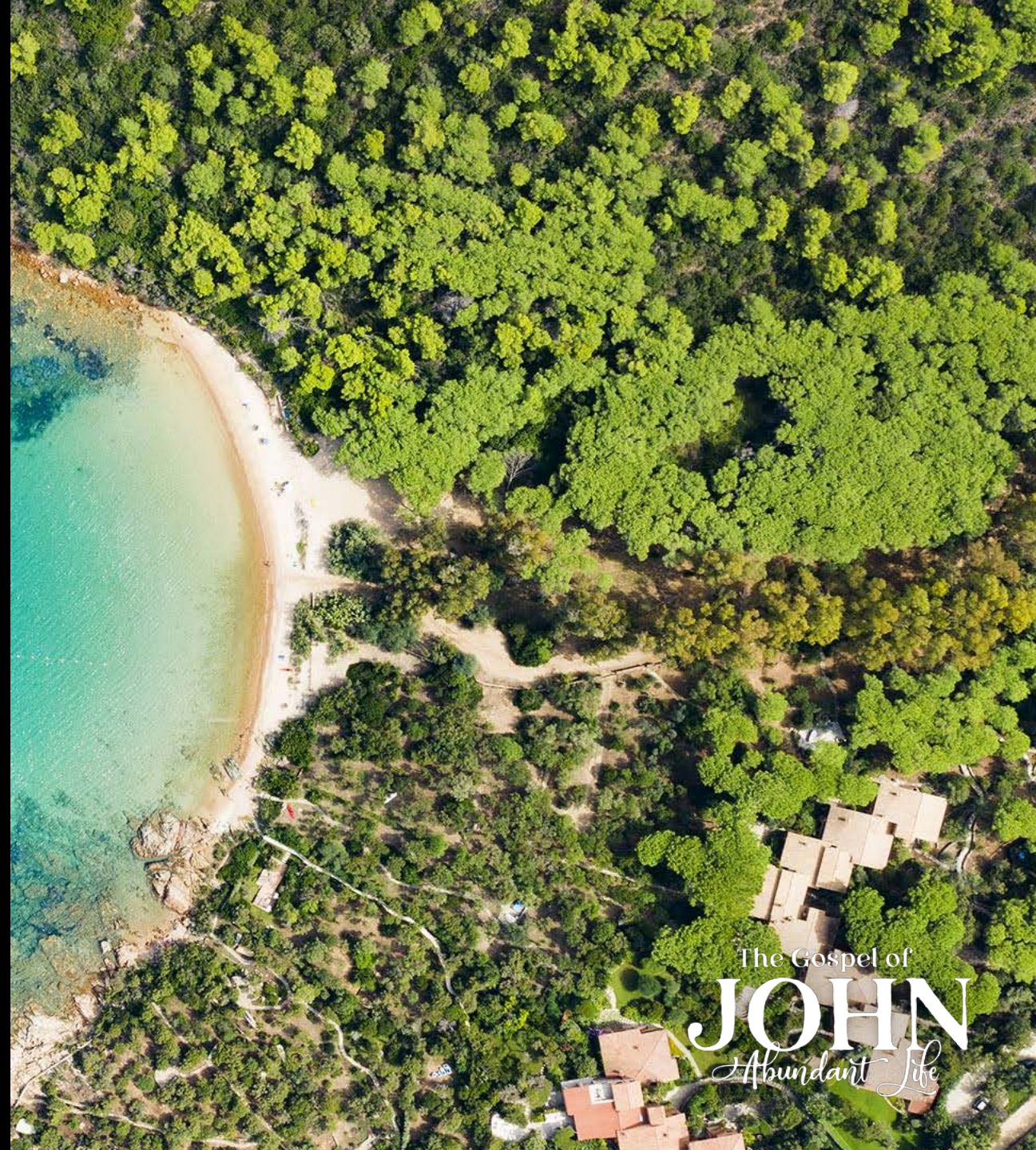
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2. The Word

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**God reveals himself for the purpose of
forming relationship**

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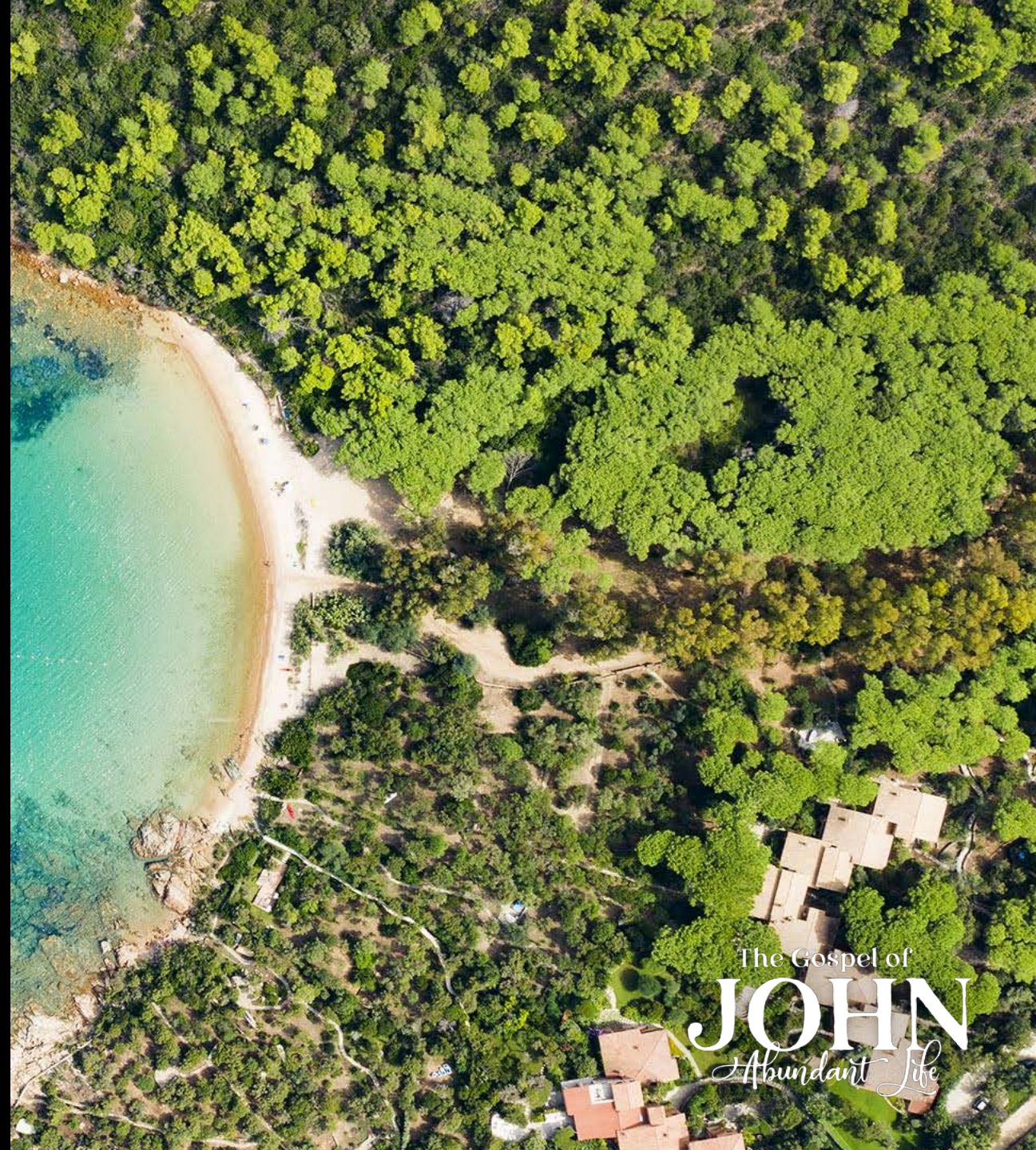


Jesus is God's ultimate self-revelation

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3. The Life

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life and God's presence are directly
connected

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separation from God is death

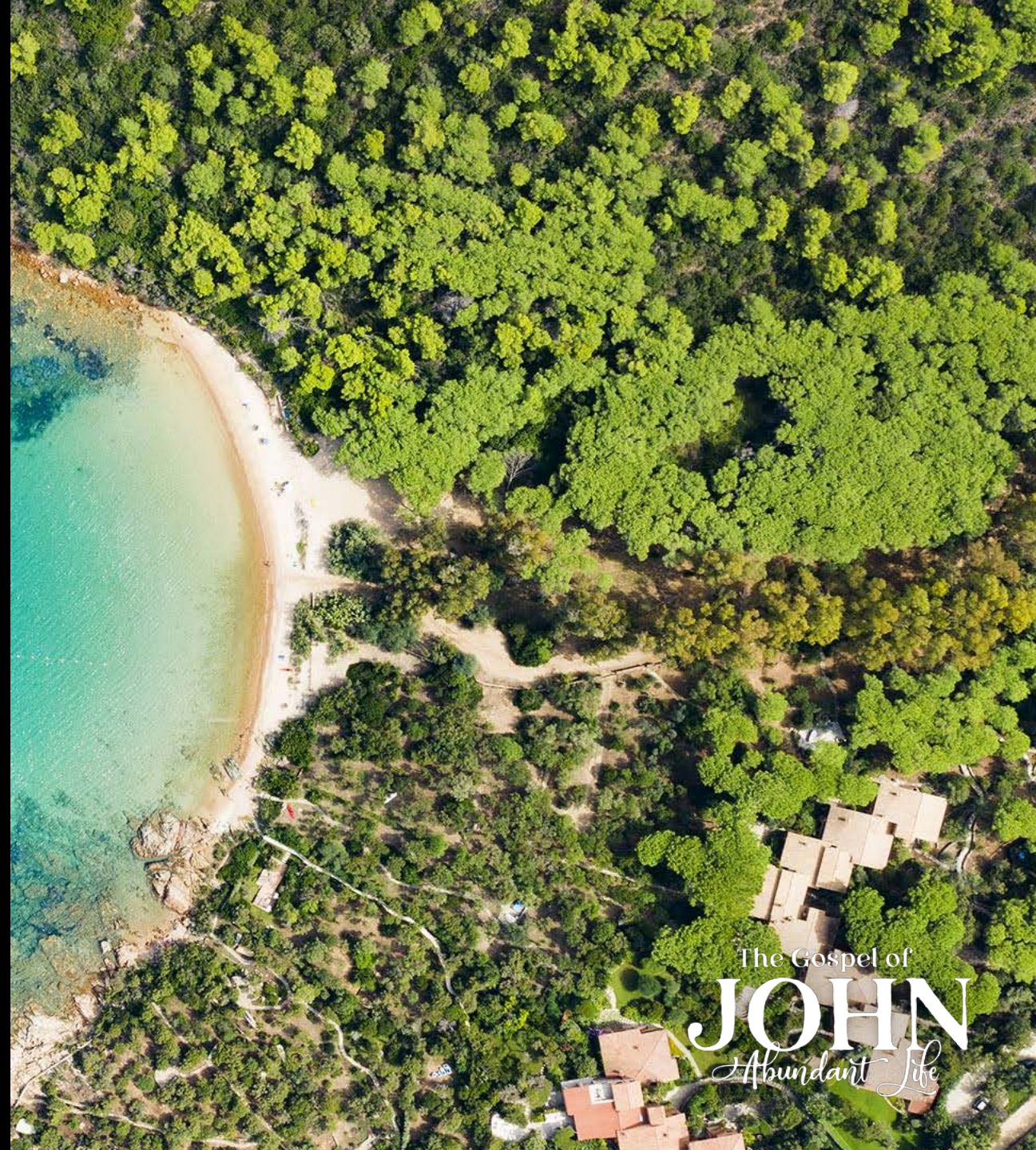
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If you want to get warm you must stand near the fire: if you want to be wet you must get into the water. If you want joy, power, peace, eternal life, you must get close to, or even into, the thing that has them. They are not a sort of prizes which God could, if He chose, just hand out to anyone. They are a great fountain of energy and beauty spurting up at the very centre of reality. If you are close to it, the spray will wet you: if you are not, you will remain dry. Once a man is united to God, how could he not live forever? Once a man is separated from God, what can he do but wither and die?

C S Lewis

4. The Light

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the light *is* shining in the darkness

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